

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claim 24 has been amended. Claims 6-7, 9, 17-19, 23, 25-27, 30-36 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-5, 8, 10-16, 20-22, 24 and 28-29 are present for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-5, 8, 10-16, 20-22, 24, and 28-29 are allowed. These claims remain in the case.

Rejected Claims

The Examiner has rejected claims 30-34, and 36. These claims are cancelled.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and that the application be passed to issuance.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

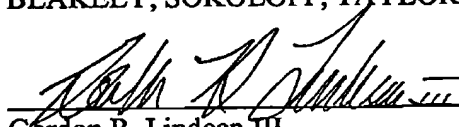
The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension. Charge our Deposit Account.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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